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1. RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY ITU PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE (TORREMOLINOS, 1973) EXCLUDING SOUTH AFRICA FROM PLENIPOTENTIARY AND FROM ALL OTHER CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS OF THE ITU BECOMES OPERATIVE ONLY UPON ENTRY INTO FORCE ON JANUARY 1, 1975 OF NEW CONVENTION ADOPTED BY PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE. THUS SOUTH AFRICA COULD LEGALLY ATTEND CCIR PLENARY JULY 1974. (SOUTH AFRICA'S MEMBERSHIP PER SE IN ITU WAS NOT AFFECTED BY THE RESOLUTION.)

2. NONETHELESS DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN EMBASSY'S VIEW CONCERNING PROPRIETY OF REPRESENTATION RE KIRBY. USG APPROACH COULD BE CONSTRUED AS REQUEST SOUTH
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AFRICA ATTEND CONFERENCE, OR TO GIVE PROXY TO US

IN EVENT DECISION MADE NOT TO ATTEND. WE NEITHER WISH TO ENCOURAGE SOUTH AFRICA TO ATTEND NOR TO CAST A PROXY BALLOT FOR IT.

3. SOUTH AFRICA, ALTHOUGH IT HAD INDICATED INTENTION TO ATTEND ITU WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE

FOR MARITIME MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS WHICH CONVENED IN GENEVA APRIL 22, 1974, HAS NOT SENT DELEGATION. ITS INTENTIONS REGARDING ATTENDANCE CCIR PLENARY ARE UNKNOWN.

4. EMBASSY AT ITS DISCRETION MAY RAISE KIRBY CANDIDACY IF APPROPRIATE INFORMAL SITUATION ARISES, BUT IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, SHOULD NOT MAKE FORMAL REPRESENTATION. RUSH

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